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REMARKS

Applicant had argued that the claims of the present patent application are entitled to an effective date of June 5, 2000, because the present patent application is a continuation-in-part of the patent application, serial number 09/587,446, which was filed on June 5, 2000, and which is referred to herein as the original parent patent application. As such, Applicant had asserted that the Wichner reference (6,688,747) is inappropriate prior art to the pending claims, because its filing date, June 8, 2001, is after the filing date of the original parent patent application to the present patent application.

In response, the Examiner has indicated that the claims of the present patent application are only entitled to an effective date of May 2, 2002, which is the filing date of the other parent patent application of the present patent application, and which has serial number 10/138,590. The Examiner's argument is that the claims of the present patent application are all drawn to a projector or a projection system, and the original parent patent application, having the filing date June 8, 2001, does not disclose either a projector or a projection system, but rather only the other parent patent application, having the filing date May 2, 2002, does.

In response, Applicant has cancelled some of the claims, and has amended all of the remaining pending claims so that they are directed to an "electronic device" and not to a projector or a projection system. As such, Applicant contends that the proper effective date of the pending claims is indeed June 5, 2000, the filing date of the original parent patent application. The original parent patent application is in fact directed to an electronic device, since an LCD monitor is inherently an electronic device. Furthermore, many of the original claims of the original parent application, specifically claims 7-10, are directed to an electronic device. These original claims, of course, form a part of the specification of the original parent patent application. The pending claims as amended thus are supported by the specification of the original parent patent application having the filing date of June 5, 2000.

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Therefore, Applicant again submits that the Wichner reference is inappropriate prior art to the pending claims as have been amended, because its filing date, June 8, 2001, is after the effective date of June 5, 2000, of the pending claims as amended. Because of the claim rejections asserted under 35 USC 102 and under 35 USC 103 rely in whole or in part on Wichner, the pending claims are no longer properly rejected on the bases provided. As such, the pending claims as amended are allowable.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicants' Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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